



# ***PLATOON TACTICAL OPERATIONS***





# ***TERMINAL LEARNING OBJECTIVE***



***Action:*** Supervise platoon tactical operations.

***Conditions:*** In a field environment, given FM 6-22.5, FM 7-7,

FM 7-8, FM 21-18, and STP 21-24-SMCT.

***Standards:*** Implemented platoon tactical operations IAW 6-22.5, FM 7-7, FM 7-8, FM 21-18, and STP 21-24-SMCT.

- Conducted tactical road march.
- Performed duties of a convoy commander.
- Managed and occupied an assembly area.
- Prepared platoon defensive operations.
- Consolidated and reorganized while in the defense.
- Supervised the handling of enemy prisoners and equipment.



# ***TROOP LEADING PROCEDURES***



- 1. Receive the mission.**
- 2. Issue a warning order.**
- 3. Make a tentative plan.**
- 4. Start necessary movement.**
- 5. Conduct reconnaissance.**
- 6. Complete the plan.**
- 7. Issue the complete.**
- 8. Supervise.**



# ***ELEMENTS OF A ROAD MARCH***



- **The reconnaissance party.**
- **The quartering party.**
- **The main body.**
- **The trail party.**



# ***INFORMATION FOR PASSING UNITS***



**Information that messengers/road guides can give to passing units:**

- **A strip map.**
- **The number, sequence, identification, and composition of march units.**
- **Expected arrival and clearance times for march units passing the guide's position.**
- **Recognition signals.**
- **How to position guides, who will pick them up, and when.**
- **Instructions for linking up with the parent unit upon completion of road guides duties.**
- **Special instructions for the road guides to pass on to the march unit commander, to include details of the route and any changes.**



# ***PARTS OF A CONVOY***



**Head: The first task vehicle or pace setter.**

**Main Body: Troop and equipment carrying vehicles and/or supply vehicles.**

**Trail: Wrecker, maintenance, and medical support vehicles.**



# ***ESSENTIAL DETAILS OF A ROUTE RECON***



- **Pertinent information of enemy and friendly troops.**
- **Proposed plans and anticipated traffic flow.**
- **When, where, and how to report information.**
- **Time of departure.**
- **Appropriate control measures.**
- **Actions taken after mission is complete.**
- **Special equipment required.**
- **Tunnels, underpasses, and obstructions to traffic flow.**
- **Rockfall and slide areas.**
- **Wooded or built-up areas that may affect movement.**



# ***CONVOY COMMANDER'S CHECKLIST***



## **Checklist and Briefing:**

- **Rules of the road.**
- **Traffic laws and regulations.**
- **Speed limits.**
- **Time and distance gaps.**
- **Routing plans.**
- **Schedules.**
- **March discipline.**





# ***PURPOSE OF ASSEMBLY AREA***



- **A unit occupies an assembly area to prepare for future operations.**



# ***PRIORITIES OF WORK AT ASSEMBLY AREA***



**Although leaders may have different priorities, they should normally:**

- **Establish local security.**
- **Position crew-served weapons and remaining chemical alarms.**
- **Establish communications within the PLT and to the CO CP.**
- **Construct fighting position, clear fields of fire, prepare range cards, and camouflage positions, etc.**
- **Establish a rest plan and continue to improve the defense.**
- **Establish contact with adjacent platoons.**
- **Provide a copy of the platoon sector-sketch to the CO CP.**



# ***ACTIONS AT ASSEMBLY AREA***



- **Leaders receive and issue orders.**
- **The unit maintains its equipment and weapons.**
- **Personnel conduct personal hygiene.**
- **Leaders inspect.**
- **Resupply the unit, to include distribution of ammunition and refueling vehicles.**
- **The unit rehearses critical aspects of upcoming operations.**
- **Check weapon system.**
- **Troops eat and rest.**



# **OCOKA**



**Observation and fields of  
fire**

**Cover and concealment**

**Obstacles**

**Key terrain**

**Avenues of approach**



# ***PLACE FIGHTING POSITIONS***



## **Factors to consider when placing fighting positions:**

- **The requirement to cover the squads' assigned sector by fire.**
- **The need for security and prevention of infiltration of the squads' position.**
- **Preventing the enemy from using hand grenades effectively to assault adjacent positions, should he gain a fighting position.**



# ***TASKS DURING REORGANIZATION***



**Tasks that you may perform during reorganization:**

- **Reestablish security.**
- **Re-man key weapon systems.**
- **Provide first aid and prepare wounded for MEDEVAC.**
- **Repair damaged obstacles and replace claymore mines.**
- **Redistribute ammunition and supplies.**
- **Relocate weapons that enemy may have pinpointed.**
- **Reestablish communications.**
- **Reoccupy and repair positions.**
- **Prepare for renewed attacks.**



# ***THE FIVE "Ss"***

**Search EPWs**

**Segregate EPWs**

**Silence EPWs**

**Speed EPWs**

**Safeguard EPWs**



# ***TASK SHOW PERFORMANCE DEGRADATION***



**Tasks that are likely to show performance degradation:**

- **Orientation to friendly and enemy forces.**
- **Coordination and information processing.**
- **Combat activity.**
- **Force preservation and regrouping.**
- **Command and control activity.**





# ***CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTE TO DEGRADATION***



**Conditions contributing to degradation:**

- **Low light level.**
- **Limited visibility.**
- **Disrupted sleep routines.**
- **Physical fatigue.**
- **Sleep loss.**



# ***COUNTERMEASURES TO SLEEP LOSS***



- **Pre-Deployment**
- **Deployment**
- **Pre-Combat**
- **Combat**
- **Post-Combat**